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FROTHED DRINKS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper accompanies documents submitted to initiate national stage processing of the above-identified international patent application.

The claims of the international application were amended during international preliminary examination and the amendments were annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report for the international application.

Before calculating the filing fee and before formal examination of the application on the merits, it is desired to amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.

**AMENDMENT****AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

The specification is amended as shown below. A SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION incorporating the below changes is submitted concurrently herewith. A marked-up copy as well as a clean copy of the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION is provided.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

A abstract is added as shown below under the heading ABSTRACT.